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CHAFEE ANNOUCNES \$40,239 RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR CENTRAL FALLS

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has awarded a \$40, 239 Community Facility Grant to the City of Central Falls.

The funds will be used to purchase two vehicles for the Central Falls Police Department; two trucks for the Department of Public Works, and a rescue boat for the Fire Department.

The funding will also be used to purchase a HVAC Unit for the Central Falls Police Station and a radio system for the Department of Public Works.

City officials believe this equipment will result in increased public safety protection and public works services to residents.

The USDA has awarded Central Falls with grants totaling \$2,616 in FY 2001. Two grants totaling \$24,767 were awarded in FY2002 and a grant of \$7,935 was awarded in FY 2003.

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